



Repositories Start-Up and Enhancement Projects

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Aims:

- stimulate the population of existing repositories,
- enhance interoperability
- embed repositories within institutional working practices such as research and learning
- support the establishment of repositories where this will be sustained in to the future.

**To bring about a step change in the growth
of the UK repositories network**

- institutional open access repositories of research outputs
- repositories of teaching and learning materials, integrated with content management and/or content delivery systems such as virtual learning environments
- subject-based or media-based repositories that address an identified need within or across institutions
- institutions may have blended repositories hosting a range of content types, and an institution may have requirements for more than one repository.
- collaborations with user communities, national data centres, research councils or academic centres, especially where national services are linked to institutional repositories

JISC will seek to fund a coherent set of projects that helps to address a range of issues as well as fulfilling the aims of the programme

Institutional commitment and matched funding

- JISC will only fund up to 50% of the total cost of the project
- Project proposals for both types of projects must outline how the project fulfils an institutional need in terms of learning, research or administration and show their strategies for content population
- Projects will need to engage with the JISC programme from their start date until the end of the programme in March 2009

- **Planning:** Business process reviews and requirements analysis; stakeholder consultation; Specification of solutions; Identifying staff roles and responsibilities within and between organisations; Specification of enhancements
- **Technical implementation:** Procurement of software or services; Implementation and configuration; Maintenance; Developing approaches to authorisation and authentication, such as the provision of repository content through the access management federation; Implementation and configuration of tools and enhancements, such as Using tools to enable full-text searching, Improving the exposure of metadata and content through implementing standards-based application profiles, Using tools to aid deposit and metatagging; Improving the integration of repositories with other systems (research information systems, virtual learning/research environments, library catalogues etc)
- **Policy development:** Developing policies and processes for deposit; Developing policies for long-term access and strategy for preservation, with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, including external services where appropriate; Developing policies for addressing legal issues such as IPR, third party copyright, data protection etc
- **Populating the repository with content:** Training and support; Promotion and advocacy; Collecting student e-theses for future access; Building repository use into workflows in learning, teaching and research

Repositories in the wider environment

- In the interest of interoperability, all projects will need to work within the framework of technical standards that are supported by the Information Environment and those that emerge through the programme
- All projects will be expected to share lessons and to participate in the evolving JISC funded network of digital repositories:
 - Repositories Support Project
 - Intute Repositories Search Project
 - Shared Infrastructure Services
 - Digital Preservation and Records Management

III a) Repository Start-Up Projects

- These projects should be concerned with the establishment and population of repositories
- Up to 20 projects
- maximum funding of £30,000 (or £60,000 for consortium projects)

III b) Repository Enhancement Projects

- Enhancement projects should be concerned with embedding of repositories within institutional policies and learning, research and administration workflows. There may be specialist community requirements that need to further develop a supported distributed network of repositories for subject specific or media requirements
- Between 10 and 15 projects
- between £80,000 and £300,000, with the upper end intended for consortium projects

III b) Repository Enhancement Projects (Continued)

- Enhancement projects are encouraged to undertake further technical and organisational repository solutions and practices
- Projects should wherever possible take a service orientated approach and contribute to enhanced interoperability and common repository service interfaces
- Issues outlined in the other areas within this call may also be relevant to these projects in particular those listed under areas B and H
- Proposals for Enhancement Projects must include a URL of the existing repository/repositories that they are building on. If this is not possible, proposals should include descriptions and screenshots of the existing repository or where possible a guest log in for evaluators

All projects will be aided by the new Repositories Support Project and should not duplicate this support infrastructure

Start-Up Projects

- Institutions may wish to consider sharing technical expertise in order to achieve economies of scale. Where such arrangements can exist, each institutional bid should indicate this and illustrate the resulting savings
- Alternatively, consortiums wish to submit bids, and the funding limit for such consortium start-up projects is £60,000

Enhancement Projects

- Consortia projects are welcome for enhancement project funding. The funding limit for consortium enhancement projects is £300,000.

Value for money will be a significant evaluation criterion

Annex G

Briefing Paper

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